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ALMARY: U.S. AMBASSADOR TO NATO, ROBERT STRAUZS-HUPE,
MADE A ONE-DAY VISIT TO DUESSELDORF DECEMBER 14 TO
DISCUSS NATO AFFAIRS WITH THE PRESIDENT OF THE GERMAN
LABOR FEDERATION (DGB) VETTER, OTHER UNION OFFICIALS,
THE MEDIA AND A GROUP OF YOUNG POLITICAL LEADERS.
DURING THE AMBASSADOR'S TALKS WITH THE DGB OFFICIALS,
PRESIDENT VETTER SAID HE WOULD INITIATE A PROGRAM TO
INFORM THE DGB'S MEMBERSHIP OF ALLIANCE PROBLEMS THROUGH
DGB PUBLICATIONS.

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AMBASSADOR STRAUZS-HUPE, ACCOMPANIED BY CONSUL GENERAL

MICHAEL DUX, LABOR ATTACHE HERBD BAKER AND USNATO MISSION PAO DEAN CLAUSSEN, MET WITH DGB PRESIDENT HEINZ OSKAR VETTER, DGB EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR WILLI ZIMMERMANN AND ACTING DIRECTOR DGB INTERNATIONAL DEPARTMENT HARALD SIMON, IN THE DGB HEADQUARTERS IN DUESSELDORF. AFTER A FRUITFUL DISCUSSION ON THE THEME THAT NATO NEEDS MORE THAN EVER PUBLIC, LABOR AND YOUTH SUPPORT AND THAT LABOR NEEDS NATO AS A PREREQUISITE FOR IMPROVING THE QUALITY OF LIFE, VETTER SAID THE QUESTION IS NOT THE NEED FOR A MORE ACTIVE LABOR ROLE WITH NATO BUT HOW SHOULD THIS BE ACCOMPLISHED. WITH A REFERENCE TO THE TRADITIONAL SKEPTICISM OF LABOR TOWARD THE MILITARY, HE CAUTIONED THAT THIS EFFORT WOULD NEED TO BE PART OF AN EXPLANATION OF THE OVERALL POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC PURPOSES OF THE ALLIANCE AND COULD THEN INTRODUCE THE SECURITY SIDE OF THE PICTURE. NEVERTHELESS, HE WAS WILLING TO UNDERTAKE THE EFFORT AND SAID HE WOULD QUIETLY START A PROGRAM THROUGH DGB PUBLICATIONS TO INFORM GERMAN WORKERS ABOUT THE ALLIANCE AND PERIODICALLY EVALUATE THE RESULTS WITH MEMBERSHIP PUBLIC OPINION POLLS. AFTER HEARING THE AMBASSADOR'S ANALYSIS OF THE GROWING SOVIET MILITARY CAPABILITIES, VETTER REACTED BY REMARKING THAT HE HOPED SOME POLITICAL LIGHT OR DEVELOPMENT WOULD OCCUR TO PREVENT AN EXPLOSION BEFORE THIS ARMS RACE ESCALATES TOO FAR. VETTER WELCOMED THE AMBASSADOR'S INVITATION TO VISIT NATO IN JANUARY. WILLI ZIMMERMANN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE DGB ALSO SAID THAT GIVING GERMAN CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES OF NATO FORCES THE SAME LABOR RIGHTS THEIR COUNTERPARTS EMPLOYED WITH THE GERMAN BUNDESWEHR ENJOY, WOULD ALSO HELP BROADEN WORKER SUPPORT FOR NATO.

FOLLOWING THE MORNING MEETING WITH THE DGB OFFICIALS, AMBASSADOR STRAUZ-HUPE MET WITH THE EDITORS OF SIX RHINE-RUHR NEWSPAPERS WITH A COMBINED CIRCULATION OF 2.4 MILLION. HE TOLD THE EDITORS THAT THE NATO ALLIANCE WAS HEALTHIER TODAY THAN IN THE PAST. NEVERTHELESS, HE CALLED FOR CONTINUED AND INCREASED SUPPORT FOR THE ALLIANCE IN THE FACE OF GROWING SOVIET MILITARY STRENGTH. THE EDITORS REPRESENTED THE DUESSELDORFER NACHRICHTEN, RHEINISCHE POST, HANDELSBLATT, WEST-LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DEUTSCHE ALLGEMEINE ZEITUNG, ANGESTELLTER (DGB NEWS-PAPER, AND EINHEIT (MINE WORKERS PUBLICATION).

THAT AFTERNOON, AMBASSADOR STRAUZ-HUPE HAD A LIVELY DISCUSSION ON NATO WITH L7 MEMBERS OF THE RING POLITISCHER JUGEND (ASSOCIATION OF POLITICAL YOUTH). THEY REPRESENTED THE MAJOR GERMAN POLITICAL PARTIES - CDU, CSU, SPD, AND FDP.

OUR IMPRESSION WAS THAT AMBASSADOR STRAUSZ-HUPE'S
MEETING WITH DGB OFFICIALS REPRESENTED A SIGNIFICANT
FIRST STEP WITH VETTER TO RESTORE THE GERMAN LABOR
RELATIONSHIP WITH NATO THAT EXISTED IN THE EARLIER
YEARS OF NATO. STOESSEL

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